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For: DORSOLUMBAR AND LUMBOSACRAL  
VERTEBRAL FIXATION SYSTEM

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**REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND CONTINGENT  
PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181 AND §1.244 AND AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated October 31, 2008, the period for reply having been extended Five (5) months to April 30, 2009, the following election and remarks is respectfully submitted

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